President : The debate on the budget will begin today with a general discussion followed by the voting of demands for grants from the next day. The maximum of four days allowed under Rule 74 of the Legislative Rules has been allotted for the latter. The demands will be discussed in the order in which they appear in the printed list placed in your hands. The demand under III—Public Works Department, including Water Works and Drainage may be discussed for two hours, and not more than one hour will be allotted for each of the remaining demands. If the time taken up for questions and answers is less than an hour, the remaining time will also be available to the House for the voting of demands, but such available time will not go to increase the time allotted for any one demand, and will only enable the House to reach more demands.

Honourable members of the Council are, of course, aware that they should discuss each demand as a whole, and vote upon it as a whole, without moving for the reduction of any grant or of any item in a grant. To enable the discussion of each demand in the Council, it is not necessary that the members should send in any specific motion, and the Council will have the right to assent or refuse its assent to any demand when it is put to the House.

During the general discussion no member other than the Financial Secretary will be allowed more than 15 minutes, and in the voting of demands for grants the time limit for speeches for members will be 10 minutes. I hope honourable members will so adjust their speeches as to make it possible for a large number of their colleagues including the official members to participate in the debate.

DEWAN-PRESIDENT'S STATEMENT.

There are one or two omissions that I noticed in the statement that I made yesterday and in pursuance of the policy that this House should be kept fully aware of the developments that have taken place, I am making those statements in relation to that today. Honourable members of this House will be aware that there have been some questions raised as to the scale of payments to the members of the Legislature. Opinion was expressed that the present system was giving rise to certain hardships in the case of members elected to various Select Committees and Advisory Bodies and it was suggested that travelling allowances and halting allowances in respect of them were necessary under present conditions. One of the reasons which prompted Government to adopt the rules which are now in force was that there was a tremendous

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